



February 16, 2007

Dear Friends,

Today, 229 Democrats and 17 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.Con.Res.63, a resolution disapproving of President Bush's decision to escalate the involvement of U.S. combat troops in Iraq. This resolution puts Congress in step with the American people in rejecting the president's escalation of the war. It supports our troops while sending a clear message to President Bush that he is increasingly isolated in believing that Iraq's future can only be salvaged by sending more Americans into their civil war.

There is no more important issue facing our nation than the prolonged, painful and deadly war in Iraq. Next month, America's courageous and determined troops will start year five of combat operations inside Iraq. [Click here to read my complete floor statement in support of H.Con.Res.63](#)

Please join me next week at a town hall meeting in your community to discuss important issues facing our state and our nation, including the new Democratic Congress' first hundred hours of legislation and the President's proposed 2008 budget. I want to hear your views on these issues at one of the town halls listed below:

St. Paul Town Hall

Special Guests:

State Senator Richard Cohen (SD64)
State Representative Erin Murphy (64A)
State Representative Michael Paymar (64B)

Tuesday, February 20th
7:00-8:00 pm
Edgcumbe Recreation Center
320 S. Griggs Avenue
St. Paul, MN

West St. Paul Town Hall

Special Guests:

State Senator James Metzen (SD39)
State Representative Rick Hansen (39A)
State Representative Joe Atkins (39B)

Saturday, February 24th
10:30-11:30am
Wentworth Library
199 East Wentworth Ave
West St. Paul, MN

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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P.S. This week we also said goodbye to Mohamed Sabur, who has served in our Washington, D.C. office in many capacities, including editing this e-letter every week for the past nine months. Mohamed is a resident of the 4th Congressional District and an alumnus of Irondale High School.

Mohamed is going to work as a Legislative Assistant in the office of Representative Keith Ellison. We know he will do great work there, but his dedication, humor, and ability to solve all our technology problems will be sorely missed.

